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## Biography

### COLONEL GREGORY J. HIRSCH

#### Wisconsin Army National Guard

Colonel Gregory J. Hirsch commands the 426th Regiment (RTI), Wisconsin Army National Guard, a Wisconsin Army National Guard major subordinate command that operates the Wisconsin Military Academy offering Field Artillery, Medical and Transportation courses as well as Non-commissioned Officer Education System, Officer and Warrant Officer Candidate schools.

Col. Hirsch holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Loyola University in Chicago and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Staff College, and the Field Artillery Advanced and Basic Courses. He has also graduated from the Joint Collateral Damage Assessment Course, Logistics Pre-Command Course, and several Joint, Interagency, and Defense Support to Civil Authority courses.



Col. Hirsch joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard in 1989 and served as an SMP Cadet in 1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery in Kenosha, Wis. In 1990 he received a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) commission as a second lieutenant, branching field artillery and was assigned as a fire direction officer in Oak Creek, Wis. Subsequently he has served in various command and staff positions in the 1st Battalion, 126th FA and 57th FA Brigade. His battery command assignments include Battery C and Headquarters Battery, 1-126th FA. He commanded the 1-126th FA Battalion, where he retired the colors and transitioned it to the 257th Brigade Support Battalion. Col. Hirsch served as the S3 and XO of the 57th Brigade, including as the Task Force executive officer during its deployment to Operation Katrina and its commander during Southwest Border Operations. After the brigade's transformation, Col. Hirsch was assigned as the Fire Support Coordinator (FSCOORD) to the 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. He most recently served as the Deputy J5 (Strategic Plans and International Affairs Officer) on the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Staff and was responsible for planning Wisconsin National Guard Domestic Operations, implementing a Canadian Exchange program, and supervising the state partnership program with Nicaragua.

Col. Hirsch deployed as part of Operation New Dawn, serving as the Deputy Fire Support Coordinator for Targeting (DFSCOORD-Targeting) for United States Forces - Iraq (USF-I). In this role he planned and coordinated targeting efforts in a joint and interagency environment.

Col. Hirsch's military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with two stars, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

Col. Hirsch and his wife live in Libertyville, Ill.